UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF CANTON,	
Plaintiff,	
v.	C.A. 04 11383 RGS
SELECT ENERGY, INC.,	
Defendant.	

DEFENDANT'S LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have conferred in this matter:

- with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full (a) course and various alternative courses of the litigation; and
- to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative (b) dispute resolution programs, such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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Its:

Duly Authorized Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for each other party

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